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SUBJECT: MAY 11 BILATERAL WITH AUSTRALIA ON U.S. REQUESTS
ON NTMS

1. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIANS CONCERNING NTM
REQUESTS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF SALES TAX ON CERTAIN
PRODUCTS. ALTHOUGH GIVEN LEGAL COVER BY THE PROTOCOL OF
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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION, THIS NTM IS BLATANTLY IN VIOLATION
OF ARTICLE III AND IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL
NTM REQUESTS MADE OF AUSTRALIA.

3. PRIMAGE CHARGES. THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE REGARDED AS
ANOTHER HIGH PRIORITY IN AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL NTMS NDWM.
WE ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT AUSTRALIA'S OFFER STATES

THESE CHARGES ARE ESSENTIALLY CONSIDERED AS TARIFFS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO THE AUSTRALIANS THAT WE ARE SEEKING AN ELIMINATION OF THESE CHARGES BUT, AT A MINIMUM, DESIRE AN END TO THE CURRENT DISCRIMINATION IN RATES APPLIED TO IMPORTS.

4. ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS AND SCREEN TIME QUOTAS. THESE NTMS ARE LESS IMPORTANT TO US IN ECONOMIC TERMS THAN THOSE ADDRESSED IN PARAS. 2 AND 3, ABOVE, BUT ARE OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO US BECAUSE THEY ESSENTIALLY AFFECT TRADE IN SERVICES RATHER THAN GOODS AND WE WISH TO BE IN A POSITION AT THE END OF THE MTN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GATT IS BROAD ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF TRADE IN SERVICES AS WELL AS GOODS. TOGETHER WITH THE SERVICES-RELATED REQUESTS WE HAVE ADDRESSED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, ATTACKING SUCH MEASURES REPRESENTS OUR ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT FOR DEALING WITH SERVICES IN THE GATT CONTEXT. THUS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THESE AREAS.

5. LOCAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS. THIS IS THE LEAST IMPORTANT OF OUR NTM REQUESTS OF AUSTRALIA IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AND THE U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO PURSUE IT ANY FURTHER.

6. ON THE AGRICULTURAL SIDE, WE STILL REGARD THE TOBACCO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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